



AN ACT CLARIFYING SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS; AUTHORIZING ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION IF THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES FOR VACANT SCHOOL TRUSTEE POSITIONS IS LESS THAN THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS TO BE ELECTED; AMENDING SECTION 20-3-313, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 20-3-313, MCA, is amended to read:

**"20-3-313. Election by acclamation -- notice.** (1) If the number of candidates filing for ~~a position~~ vacant positions or filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate under 13-10-211 is equal to or less than the number of positions to be elected ~~and there is no other reason for the election~~, the trustees may give notice that ~~an a trustee~~ election will not be held. Notice must be given no later than 25 days before the election.

(2) If ~~an a trustee~~ election is not held, the trustees shall declare elected by acclamation the candidate who filed for the position or who filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate and shall issue a certificate of election to the candidate."

**Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 0432, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

HOUSE BILL NO. 432

INTRODUCED BY MEHLHOFF, COHENOUR

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